

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q62106

Shotaro YAMAGUCHI

Appln. No.: 09/727,769

Group Art Unit: 1652

Confirmation No.: 5479

Examiner: Manjunath N. Rao

Filed: December 04, 2000

For: NOVEL PROTEIN-DEAMIDATING ENZYME, MICROORGANISM PRODUCING THE SAME, GENE ENCODING THE SAME, PRODUCTION PROCESS THEREFOR, AND USE THEREOF

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of two month(s), extending the time for responding to the Office Action of May 1, 2003 to October 1, 2003.

A check for the statutory fee of \$420.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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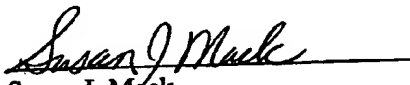
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Respectfully submitted,


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